

various supplies furnished to the inhabitants of New York, within the scope of its direct influence, your committee will be entitled to present to you the flattering expectation that the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal, when finished only to Cumberland, will yield an annual revenue of 14 per cent upon its cost, estimated as aforesaid, at \$6,000,000, as per the following calculation.

1st class—nett tolls on Coal, as above stated \$430,000

2d class—tolls on Lumber, Lime, Marble,
Free Stone, Iron and Fish, at one half
the sum of the nett tolls on Coal, or say 215,000

3d class—tolls on the productions of Agriculture and Merchandize, at 2-5ths of
the sum of \$500,000 paid by the people
of New York to the Erie Canal on like
articles, 200,000

And the whole increase derivable from
these three sources or classes, may be
assumed to yield more than 14 per cent
annually on \$6,000,000, or say \$845,000

The vallies drained by the Potomac and its chief tributaries, the Cacapon, Shenandoah, Connococheague, and Monococy, form a region of country that may be proudly compared to any other within the Union.—One that abounds in Calcareous deposits, that will, some day, be applied, not only to this region, but also to the tide-water districts of Maryland, to an extent that shall raise the soil of her arable lands to a maximum and enduring state of fertility. And here, perhaps, your Committee had best advert to the circumstance *that all of their estimates*, and most of their remarks, have been confined to the trade that will arise between the terminer of the Eastern section of the Canal, to wit: Cumberland and the cities in the District of Columbia. And if experience shall prove, as *it* may, that to advance and bind the interests of those cities and country more